

Remarkably, despite the fact that many people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent were not allowed to naturalize during this period, a disproportionately high percentage enlisted to fight on both sides of the Civil War. After the war, however, scores of these soldiers and sailors were unjustly denied their due recognition and benefits.

H. Res. 415 is a long overdue expression of appreciation for the loyal service of the Civil War veterans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage. The United States House of Representatives stands to recognize their contributions to our Nation's history and to speak against the injustices done to them despite their patriotism and honorable service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL JEFFREY R. REIMER, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 1, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor MG Jeffrey Reimer as he retires from the United States Air Force after 34 years of service.

A 1974 graduate of the University of Florida, Major General Reimer held a variety of important assignments in his 34 years of service. As the top graduate from his pilot training program class, he initially served as an F-4C Wild Weasel pilot. Assigned to the Air Training Command, he was the top graduate from T-37 instructor training and the Instructor Pilot of the Year. He has effectively served the Nation in numerous positions within the test and acquisition community. He was an F-16 acceptance test pilot and was selected to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology and USAF Test Pilot School. As a distinguished graduate of the school, he served as an instructor and continued his experimental test pilot duties at the F-16 Combined Test Force.

Major General Reimer served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a military staff assistant for developmental testing of aircraft and air-to-air missiles. His later assignments include: Program manager for the MC-130H Combat Talon and program director of special programs for the Air-to-Air Joint System Program Office. He has commanded the 4953rd Test Squadron, Air Force Security Assistance Center, and the Air Armament Center. In his most recent assignment, Major General Reimer served as the Air Force Program Executive Officer for the F-22. He saved the taxpayers \$411 million using a multi-year contract to purchase 60 F-22 aircraft.

On a personal note, I had the pleasure of working very closely with Major General Reimer when he was Commander of the Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base. Together, we worked through test facility closure and test wing consolidation issues. He provided strong leadership and candid assessments to Air Force officials which were necessary to effectively accomplish the mission.

Madam Speaker, few can match the dedication and professionalism of MG Jeffrey Reimer. He is a man of honor and a man of principle. In his 34 years of service, he has touched the lives of many and our Nation is

stronger because of his dedicated service. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to thank MG Jeffrey Reimer for his years of dedicated service. Vicki and I wish him and his family our best wishes for success and happiness in the future.

### A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DONALD RAY TOW

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 1, 2008*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Donald Ray Tow of Selma, California, who recently passed away at the age of 74. He leaves behind the love of his life of 44 years, Marie, along with 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Tow was born on June 2, 1934, in Checotah, Oklahoma, but was raised in the Central Valley. As a teenager Don moved from Bakersfield to Selma, California, and graduated from Selma High School in 1952. Upon graduation from Selma High School he attended Reedley College prior to joining the U.S. Air Force in 1953. While in the Air Force Don proudly served his country in Korea.

After returning from Korea he continued his education at Fresno State College, where he received his master's degree in education. His first job was at Eric White Elementary in Selma, California, as a sixth grade teacher. After teaching for 13 years he went on to become a principal at Washington School in Kingsburg, California. In 1990, he moved on to Roosevelt Junior High, also as a principal.

He was devoted to his community, serving on the Selma Unified School Board, the Selma City Council, and most recently as mayor of the city of Selma. Mr. Tow not only had a passion for education but also for sports and especially for baseball. His huge interest in sports drew him to coaching in the Selma Little League. One of his favorite pastimes was family outings to Morro Bay, and Dinkey Creek, and watching his grandchildren at their sporting events.

It goes without saying that Mr. Donald Ray "Don" Tow was an honorable man with a commitment to family, friends and the community that will forever live in the lives of the people he so graciously touched. His passion for family, education, and his community will be remembered by all who knew him. I am honored and humbled to join his family in celebrating the life of this amazing man who will never be forgotten.

### TRIBUTE TO RACHEL JAGODA BRUNETTE

### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 1, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a talented individual who has been a dedicated member of our committee staff—Rachel Jagoda Brunette.

Rachel came to the committee at the beginning of the 109th Congress as a staff assistant

for the Republican majority. Her talent was quickly recognized, and she was soon promoted to professional staff for the research subcommittee. As a staffer for that subcommittee, she handled math and science education issues.

At the start of this Congress, the committee offered positions to several staffers of former Chairman Boehlert and we were fortunate that Rachel accepted our offer. She moved to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation and deftly transitioned to a broad portfolio of technology issues, from Homeland Security science and technology to surface transportation research and development.

Her bachelor's degree in physics from Georgetown University and a master's in political management from the George Washington University were an excellent foundation for navigating the nexus between science and policy. Rachel also came to the committee with experience in this area, having worked at the Federation of American Scientists, the American Society for Engineering Education, and the American National Standards Institute.

With intellectual curiosity and an appreciation for scientific knowledge, Rachel spent countless hours absorbing technical details and navigating the political and bureaucratic contexts of her issues. Rachel recognizes how science and technology can help communities meet their needs on the ground.

Rachel performed valuable legislative and oversight duties for the committee. These legislative efforts included H.R. 5161, the Green Transportation Infrastructure Research and Technology Transfer Act and H.R. 3877, the Mine Communications Technology Innovation Act. Her oversight contributions included border security technologies and research and development for energy savings in transportation systems.

Rachel has spent over 3 years working on the Hill and over 9 years in Washington. She is heading to Portland, and our loss is Oregon's gain. She has been a wonderful asset to this committee and will be missed by both Members and staff. I want to thank her for her service to the committee and the science community at large, and I wish her—and her growing family—all the best.

### FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 30, 2008*

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I strongly oppose this 190-page bill, hastily offered under suspension of the rules, which establishes a new Federal authority for the regulation of the tobacco industry. This legislation adds another layer of bureaucracy to the already overburdened Food and Drug Administration, and another layer of regulation to American consumers' lives.

This bill includes more than \$5 billion in new tax increases on tobacco companies and gives sweeping control of the tobacco market to the FDA. Chairman DINGELL, discussing the recent salmonella outbreak, was recently quoted in the Wall Street Journal as saying that "there's a total inability of the FDA to

carry out its mission." This isn't the first Democrat to raise questions about the effectiveness of the FDA. Thus, it is highly hypocritical of them to extend the agency's regulatory authority to a multi-billion dollar industry of which the FDA has no expertise.

Furthermore, as FDA Commissioner Andrew von Eschenbach testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee in October 2007, the FDA is an agency intended to promote and protect the public health. In the Commissioner's opinion, requiring the FDA to "approve" tobacco products as a result of this bill would dramatically change the agency's focus. Mr. von Eschenbach stated, "Associating any agency whose mission is to promote public health with the approval of inherently dangerous products would undermine its mission and likely have perverse incentive effects."

While establishing FDA authority to regulate tobacco products, this bill would also retain the FTC's Federal authority to regulate tobacco advertising and circulation. It would provide only limited pre-emption of State laws, allowing more rigid State restrictions on tobacco advertising. These multiple layers of regulation will impose undue bureaucratic and logistical hardships on tobacco manufacturers. It is important to remember that the sale of tobacco, according to current law and expressly reinforced in this bill, is legal in the United States and can be credited with hundreds of thousands of jobs across the country.

As Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt noted, this legislation could also be viewed by foreign governments as a hostile trade action. Many of the clove and other flavored cigarettes that are banned under this bill are manufactured in foreign countries. However, this bill expressly permits production of menthol cigarettes. This could lead Indonesia or other foreign governments to file complaints at the World Trade Organization claiming discrimination against their products. Ultimately, retaliatory measures could be taken against American-made products, which could lead to unnecessary trade disputes with a negative effect on economic growth.

Finally, this legislation would have little impact on overall tobacco use. If this bill is enacted, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated that smoking by adults would decline only by 2 percent after 10 years. This marginal reduction does not warrant this legislation's significant intrusion on free speech rights and expansion of government-run regulatory bureaucracy. Therefore, I strongly oppose this bill and urge my colleagues to vote against it.

#### THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS JUDGMENT FUNDS DISTRIBUTION SETTLEMENT ACT

**HON. JOHN SULLIVAN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 1, 2008*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 6786, the Delaware Tribe of Indians Judgment Funds Distribution Settlement Act.

The Delaware Tribe was the first tribe to sign a treaty with the fledgling United States in

1778, playing an important role in winning the Revolutionary War, and was called the "Grandfather Tribe" by other tribes in and around the Delaware River valley. The Tribe was forced inexorably westward by the Colonies and then the United States from its aboriginal area further west and eventually into Cherokee territory in Oklahoma.

The Tribe was recognized by the United States throughout the 20th century until it was terminated by the Department of the Interior in 1979. The Department rescinded that decision in 1996, and the Tribe was recognized from 1996 until 2004 when a Tenth Circuit Court decision ended the Tribe's Federal recognition. The United States Solicitor General stated to the United States Supreme Court that the Tenth Circuit decision to end status of the tribe resulted in the need for Congress to address this issue.

This legislation restores the rightful Federal recognition of the Delaware Tribe of Indians but also incorporates mechanisms for the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Cherokee Nation to resolve issues between them in Eastern Oklahoma amicably. I am pleased to see not only Delaware restoration but also accord and cooperation between the two tribes.

#### HONORING BORDENTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 1, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer my heartfelt support and congratulations to the Bordentown Little League All-Stars who on Wednesday, won the New Jersey State Championship tournament and the right to now advance to the regional championship. Powered by some big bats—that turned in 17 hits and 4 home runs—the Bordentown Little League's 11/12 year old team easily defeated Pequannock 14 to 3 to win the State Championship. By winning the New Jersey title, the team now moves onto Bristol, Connecticut, to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament where they will take on Haverstraw, the New York State Champions. The A. Bartlett Giamatti Little League Leadership Training Center in Bristol, Connecticut, is hosting the Mid-Atlantic and New England tournaments.

I especially want to recognize Manager Pat Welsh and Coach Dave Revay for their outstanding efforts developing this championship team. And of course, congratulations go out to the guys on the field who hustled throughout the season to win the New Jersey State Championship—Tommy "T-Walt" Walters, Zachary "Zack" Gakeler, Ryan "Shinny" Shinn, Patrick "Otrick" Welsh, Cole "ColeTrain" Clauser, Tyler "Ty" Revay, Clarke "Clarkey" Laba, Nick "Hammer" Callahan, Edward "Eddie" Holmes, and the teams three Austin's—Austin "Goke" Goeke, Austin "Charzar" Chaszar, and Austin "Big Pappi" Papp.

Gratitude also has to be given to the Bordentown community for their spirit and the continuing support they offered which helped make fielding this outstanding team possible. Community leaders—Mayor George A. Chidley, Deputy Mayor Bruce Hill, Committeeman William J. Morelli, Committeeman Robert

Delaney, and Committeeman Mark Roselli from Bordentown Township; and Mayor John William Collom III, Deputy Mayor James Lynch, and Commissioner John Wehrman from the city of Bordentown have to be recognized and thanked for making this State Championship possible.

As the Bordentown Little League All-Stars now move onto the Regional Championship, we join with family and friends in the entire Bordentown and Burlington County communities to wish them good luck.

#### TRIBUTE TO STAN SMOYER

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 1, 2008*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stanley C. Smoyer for his years of extraordinary leadership in the family planning movement in the United States, his devoted service to Planned Parenthood Association of the Mercer Area in New Jersey, and for his extraordinary generosity to his community.

For over 50 years, Stan Smoyer has been a champion of women's reproductive rights. As former assistant general counsel for Johnson & Johnson, he was involved in reproductive rights litigation in the 1960s. Of particular note was his involvement in *Griswold v Connecticut*, the 1965 landmark case in which the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the Constitution protected a right to privacy and that access to contraception could not be prohibited. In 1995, he and his late wife, Barbara, were awarded Planned Parenthood's highest honor, the Sanger Circle Award, in recognition of their outstanding service and loyalty to Planned Parenthood and to the cause of reproductive rights.

As a board member of Planned Parenthood I am particularly grateful to him for his years of participation. As Vice Chairman for Principal Gifts of Planned Parenthood's 1991 capital campaign, Stan Smoyer demonstrated his commitment to the issues by helping the agency raise millions of dollars. In 2006, Stan Smoyer was recruited once again to help Planned Parenthood, this time as Honorary Co-Chair of Stand with Us: The Campaign for Responsible Choices. Thanks to his generosity, the capital campaign is well on its way to reaching its goal.

Stan Smoyer has also been a benefactor of both Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts and Dartmouth University in New Hampshire. His most recent gift to Phillips Academy renovated and improved the soccer field, where his sons used to play. The field, now known as Smoyer Family Field, is named in honor of Mr. Smoyer's sons, David, class of '59 and William, class of '63, who was killed in Vietnam in 1968.

A 1934 graduate of Dartmouth, Stan Smoyer has made a commitment to his alma mater for a new intercollegiate soccer facility. He has also been a donor to the school's History Department programs and to other scholarship and athletic endeavors.

Stanley C. Smoyer's devotion to the causes and initiatives that he believes in makes him an outstanding friend, neighbor and community benefactor. He is worthy of our admiration and gratitude and continues to serve as a